

Application No. 10/719,284
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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler frame for a construction machine, comprising: having

a center frame; and

5 right and left track frames disposed on the right and left sides of the center frame, respectively, so as to extend in a back and forth direction of the crawler frame; [[,]

wherein the center frame comprises a central frame section and legs for connecting the central frame section to the track frames, and wherein the legs are formed from cast steel.

2. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1, wherein the legs of the center frame have a tubular shape and the top faces of the legs are convex in cross-section, and wherein the top faces face upward away from a surface on which the construction machine is supported.

3. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1, wherein the legs of the center frame are in the shape of have a cylindrical pipe having a shape and are circular in cross-section.

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4. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1, wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at the an inner end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to a said one 5 of the track frame frames is provided at the an outer end of the each leg.

5. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4, wherein the at least one of:
(i) joint surfaces of the central frame section and the joint flange section at the inner end of the each leg and the central frame section and/or the (ii) joint surfaces of the joint flange section at the outer end of the each leg and the corresponding track frame are flat faces.

6. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4, wherein each of the legs are respectively gently widened widens from the inner end to the outer end thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 2, wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at the an inner

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end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to ~~a~~ said one
5 of the track frame frames is provided at the an outer end of the
each leg.

8. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 3, wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at ~~the~~ an inner end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to ~~a~~ said one
5 of the track frame frames is provided at the an outer end of the
each leg.